

REMARKS

No amendments have been made to the application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 13-15, 18-21, and 24-28 are pending and have been allowed, with claims 1, 9, 10, 18, and 26 being independent.

A clean copy of the claims is merely being provided for use in printing the patent to prevent errors due to the presence of underscores " _ " in some of the terms in amended claims 1, 9, 10, 18, and 26 in the Amendment After Final Rejection of September 18, 2007, that were obscured by the underlining that was required to indicate added text pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2). Accordingly, it is submitted that entry of this Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312(a) is proper.

Conclusion

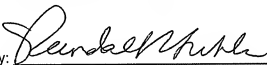
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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